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File

*S J 12441*

*Abst. 1932*

*Harris*

*263*

County

## SCHOOL LAND

*E. C. Smith*

*Good Faith Claimant*

*71.56*

*174.13*

Acres

*27 miles N 53 W*

Section No.

*4-6-43*

REG. MK'D. PTD.

Block

Tsp.

Cert.

*Act Approved June 19, 1939*

*Cor. Field Note*

CORRECT ON MAP FOR

*71.56*

ACRES

*3-31-1943 - Attn.*

REG. MK'D. PTD.

*Approved as M<sup>rs</sup> G. and  
Valued by the Commissioner  
and the School Land Board  
at \$6.00 per acre. 4-6-43*

*Bascom Giles*

*Com.*

*Pat: Original M/R 4-12-43*

*4-6-43*

*Darby*

Obligation

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*Pat fee. 3.00*

*Rec fee. 1.00*

*E. C. Smith Realty Co.  
715 Chronicle Bldg.  
Houston, Texas*

*Paid in full for 71.56 A*

*4-12-43 BJR*



# APPLICATION TO PURCHASE

(Good Faith Claimant)

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

1. I hereby apply to purchase under a preference right without condition of settlement the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described, under the provisions of an Act approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land.

2. The said tract of land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about 26 miles North West from Houston (Court House) the county seat, and is described

as follows, to-wit: Estimated about one hundred fifty acres = bounded on North  
by W. Schoenman & Henry Raab Surveys on the East by H. J. B. R. R. Sur = one  
on the South by the J. N. Moody Sur = on the West by the J. N. Moody Sur all land  
on South also West boundary line being owned by Applicant under deed from  
American Nat Ins Co J. G. Galveston, dated April 8-1927 - recorded Harris Co Vol # 701  
page 649 - on April 29-1927 = Sur J. N. Moody Western half of vacancy being enclosed within  
place since purchased = Eastern half ~~NEVER~~ under my fence = said vacancy and  
adjoining territory was surveyed for me by J. I. Boyles, late Harris Co Surveyor on  
July 9-1942, his blue print # 47, 6 R = Copy Enclosed =

3. I am a good faith claimant under the terms of said Act, as is fully shown by the attached instruments

marked Exhibit (A) Blue print made by J. I. Boyles, late County Surveyor  
Harris County =

4. Remarks: \* The Western half of vacancy has had cattle running  
on same since I bought, the land to West of same in 1927 by the one  
of the neighbors from whom I demanded pasturage rental, and  
I entered into a written lease with him on day of 193  
lease being recorded Harris County Records on day of 193  
Vol # Page # and said tenant still has cattle on my land, at  
this date, pays rental promptly. Lease covers only the land I hold warranty deed to

*(Duplicate)*

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E. C. Smith  
Good Faith Claimant  
Houston Texas

Post Office  
#715 Chambers St  
Sept 7/1942

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

- \*NOTE: (1) The Good Faith Claimant should clearly indicate his position as to the existence of a vacancy.  
(2) If there should be no prior filing by an applicant, the good faith claimant should state whether application is accompanied by field notes or whether same will be filed within 120 days from date of filing of application with Commissioner of General Land Office.  
(3) Any other statement pertinent to the application to purchase may be included.

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(3) Any other statement pertinent to the purchase may be included.

**CERTIFICATE**

date of filing of application with Commissioner of General Land Office.

I,

Secretary of the School Land Board, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of said board held in the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the

day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_\_\_, the price at which the area of land described

in the above application No. \_\_\_\_\_, shall be sold, was fixed by the School Land Board at \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars per acre, all of which is shown in Vol. \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Minutes of said Board.

Given under my hand this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_\_\_, at  
Austin, Texas.

Secretary of the School Land Board

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**GENERAL LAND OFFICE**  
Austin, Texas

S. F. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION TO PURCHASE  
UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND  
(Good Faith Claimant)**

*Ed C. Smith* of *Spurten*, Texas.  
*Chronicle Resg*  
**WITHOUT SETTLEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ acres  
in *Harris* County, Texas.

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Commissioner

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner

**APPLICATION TO PURCHASE**

(Good Faith Claimant)

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**C. H. COCKE, Receiver**  
**GENERAL LAND OFFICE**



# APPLICATION TO PURCHASE

(Good Faith Claimant)

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

1. I hereby apply to purchase under a preference right without condition of settlement the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described, under the provisions of an Act approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land.

2. The said tract of land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about 26 miles North West from Houston (Court House) the county seat, and is described

as follows, to-wit:

Estimated about (150) acres, bounded on North by William Schoenman & Henry Raaz Surveys, on the East by the N.T.B.R.R. Sur # One on the South by the J.H. Moody Sur on the West by the J.H. Moody Survey = All land on the South, also West boundary line being owned by this Applicant under General Warranty deed from American National Insurance Co. of Galveston, dated April 8-1927 & recorded in Harris County Tx Contract Records Vol #701 Page #649 on April 29-1927. Western half of Vacancy being enclosed within my fence since purchase to this date. Eastern half of Vacancy I have never had under my fence. Said full vacancy adjoining territory was surveyed for me by J.S. Boyles, late Harris Co Surveyor on July 9-1942 his blue print #4716R.

3. I am a good faith claimant under the terms of said Act, as is fully shown by the attached instruments

marked Exhibit

(A) Blue print of J.S. Boyles Surveyor = his #4716R = Also One Dollar in Currency = \$1.00 fee =

4. Remarks: The Western half of Vacancy being enclosed within my fence and a neighbor farmer needing more pasturage, I entered into a written lease with him for pasturage only on 6th day of Dec 1937 said lease being recorded in Harris County Tx Contract Records on 10th day of Feb 1938 = Vol 310 P 229 and the same tenant still has cattle on my land and this Western half of Vacancy (all under one fence) at this date and pays his rental every year to me. I think I am safe in saying that my tenant and his father both have lived within one mile of this Vacancy for more than thirty years and yet do = The Gulf Oil Co. had my land leased for oil, then sub-let lease to another party who drilled a dry hole on it about two years ago.

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(July 20, 1942) E. C. Smith  
# Post Office Houston Tex  
715 Chronicle Bldg  
(E. C. SMITH)

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- (3) Any other statement pertinent to the application to purchase may be included.

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CERTIFICATE

I, H. C. Bishop, Secretary of the School Land Board, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of said board held in the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1943, the price at which the area of land described in the above application No. 87, 14441, shall be sold, was fixed by the School Land Board at Six Dollars per acre, all of which is shown in Vol. 2, Page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Minutes of said Board.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of April, A. D. 1943, at Austin, Texas.

H. C. Bishop  
Secretary of the School Land Board

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Austin, Texas

S. F. No.

14441

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE  
UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND  
(Good Faith Claimant)

of

E. C. Smial

Texas.

Houston

WITHOUT SETTLEMENT

acres

in Harris County, Texas.

Filed

July 22, 1942

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Commissioner

Approved  
Rejected

4-6, 1943

Bassam Giles  
Commissioner

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C. H. COOK, Receiver  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE



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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.

LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS

715 CHRONICLE BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 14, 1942

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sirs:

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17413  
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This is to certify that I am an applicant to purchase that vacant land in the J. W. Moody Survey, in Harris County, Texas, as shown by survey made by J. S. Boyles, Licensed Surveyor on August 1, 1942, his map #5715 of 17413 acres. That said land is being used for grazing purposes at this time and as long as I have known it. To the best of my knowledge it lies with the bounds of the J. W. Moody Survey, that the tract is under fence. I have been in actual possession by fences of all that part West of the Mueschke Road since the date of my deed recorded April 29, 1927, Volume No. 701, Page 649, Harris County, from the American General Insurance Company of Galveston, covering fifteen year period.

I have never had that portion of vacancy East of Mueschke Road under my fences. The adjoining lands as well as my own are used for pasturage.

There is no producing oil or gas well within five miles of this land, however, there are several dry holes within that distance, one being on my land to the South, about one half mile distant.

*E. C. Smith*

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before Me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ED. C. SMITH, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 15 day of September,

A.D. 1942.

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*Annie Mazie McFee*  
Notary Public in and for  
Harris County, Texas.

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Harris County, Texas.

Notary Public on and for

James J. J. J. J.

A.D. 1942.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 12 day of September, executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, ascribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he

Deeded Ed. C. Smith, known to me to be the person whose name is sub-

scribed. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally ap-

peared Ed. C. Smith, known to me to be the person whose name is sub-

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land, however, there are several dry holes within that distance, one

there is no producing oil or gas well within five miles of this

Deeded.

under my license. I have not that portion of vacancy East of Mesquite Road

Deeded.

Affidavit

Ed. C. Smith  
(G.F.C.)

In Harris County

Filed - 9-16-42

Deed. 11/1/42

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS

112 CHRONICLE BUILDING

LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS

ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.

September 14, 1942



THE STATE OF TEXAS :

HARRIS COUNTY :

FIELD NOTES of a survey of 174.13 acres of land made for Ed. C. Smith by virtue of his application, filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas on the 22nd day of July, 1942, under the laws regulating the sale and lease of unsurveyed school land. Said land is situated in Harris County, about 20 miles North 55° West from the county seat, and is described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a 1" pipe in the South edge of a pond whence a church steeple bears North 07° 49' East, a 6" prickly Ash mkd. X, one hack above and below, brs. South 62° 38' East 62.9 vs., and a 12" Sycamore mkd. the same brs. South 18° 31' West 293.4 vs. Said pipe being the Southwest corner of H.T. & B. R.R. Company Survey No. 1 in the North line of the J. W. Moody Survey and 1283.0 vs. South 89° 58' West from the Northwest corner of the R. W. Howth Survey;

THENCE with the West line of said H.T. & B. R. R. Section No. 1 North 00° 02' West, at 121.0 vs. leave pond, at 250.0 vs. cross the center line of a lane, at 268.4 vs. cross a high line, at 368.03 vs. pass 7.92 vs. West of a 2" pipe, at 513.0 vs. cross a ditch, at 790.1 vs. cross a new fence line, a 1/2" pipe in fence corner is 26.6 vs. East, in all 1213.46 vs. to a 3/4" pipe, the most Western Northwest corner of said H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 1 in the South line of the Henry Raaz Survey from which a church steeple brs. North 12° 25' West, windmill "A" brs. South 39° 04' West, windmill "B" brs. North 36° 35' West;

THENCE along fence and the South line of the said Raaz Survey, at 370.31 vs. pass an old buggy axle and a 1" pipe, the Southwest corner of the said Henry Raaz Survey and the Southeast corner of the Wm. Schoenmann Survey, and continuing along fence in a course of South 89° 41' West, at 679.5 vs. cross the Humble Pipe Line, at 703.5 vs. the Northeast side of the Mueschke Road, at 727.4 vs. the Southwest side of the same and in all 811.45 vs. to a 1" pipe in the South line of the said Schoenmann Survey and an East line of the J. W. Moody Survey, whence a church steeple brs. North 33° 49' East, windmill "A" brs. South 05° 25' West and windmill "B" brs. North 62° 11' West;

THENCE with an East line of the said J. W. Moody Survey South 00° 02' East 1209.45 vs. to a 3/4" pipe, a re-entrant corner of the said Moody Survey whence windmill "A" brs. North 52° 08' West 135.9 vs., a 9" prickly Ash brs. North 06° 06' West 154.8 vs., tree mkd. X, one hack above and below and stands on the South edge of a pond, church steeple brs. North 21° 58' East;

THENCE with a North line of the said J. W. Moody Survey North 89° 58' East, at 461.2 vs. pass a T-rail, at 560.3 vs. Southwest side of Mueschke Road, at 583.4 vs. Northeast side of said road, in all 811.45 vs. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Surveyed August 1st, 1942. Variation 10° East. Map No. 5715.

W. R. Walker, Instrument Man - Tom Sanchez & Wayne Robinson, C. C.

I, J. S. Boyles, Licensed State Surveyor of Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing survey was made on the ground, and according to law, that the limits, boundaries and corners together with the marks, natural and artificial, are truly described in the foregoing field notes just as I found them on the ground; This the 4th day of August, 1942.

I, A. C. Stimson, County Surveyor, Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing field notes were filed for record on the 27 day of August 1942, at 8:00 o'clock. A M., and are recorded in Vol. M, pg. 289 of the Surveyor's Records.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

W. F. Walker, Instructor - Tom Sanchez & Wayne Fortson, C. C.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
Austin, Texas

S.F. No. 14441

FIELD NOTES

(GOOD FAITH APPLICATION)

FILED Sept 16 - 1942

Bascom Giles

Commissioner

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 194  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner

This appears to be on  
printed and otherwise  
F.W. Chocks, copyright  
1742 acres - 9-21-42  
little

9-4-1942

I, J. S. Boyles, Licensed Land Surveyor of Harris County, do hereby certify that the character and reasonable market value of the land included within the limits of the within field notes are as follows:

Soil: Sandy loam

Timber: None

Value: \$6.00 per acre

*Ben Lea*  
Surveyor

[illegible]

HARRIS COUNTY  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Houston, Texas  
September 11th, 1942

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

In connection with the survey made for Ed C. Smith S. F. 14441, Harris County, the following explanation is given.

As you possibly are aware, time after time in the past twenty-five or thirty years efforts have been made to straighten out the excess or discrepancy in the J. W. Moody Survey. In fact, I think there are one or two applications and possibly field notes, previously returned to your office in the name of R. H. Barrow. Naturally under House Bill 9 the Barrow Applications are dead. Mr. Ed C. Smith is claiming the area reflected under his field notes under a Good Faith Application. The land is on the ground and could possibly be classified as excess out of the J. W. Moody Survey, in which survey Mr. Smith holds title.

The East line of H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 2 has been fixed by decree in Harris County District Courts as being the center line of what is known as Rose Hill County Road. In locating the West line of H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 1, full distance has been allowed, as reflected by the field notes of the said survey. The R. W. Howth Survey is well fixed and established on the ground, its claimed and recognized position is as reflected on my Map No. 5715, which accompanied the Smith field notes, allowing the Moody its full call distance West from the Northwest corner of the Howth Survey and stopping H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 1 at its call distance West of the decreed lines, there is remaining the area shown as 174.13 acres, Ed C. Smith. There is no dispute or question as to the North line of the R. W. Howth and its extension for the North line of the J. W. Moody. The South lines of the Wm. Schoenmann and Henry Raaz are definite on the ground. I believe the buggy axle at the Southeast corner of the Schoenmann to be the original corner upon which the survey was patented.

Some several months back I had occasion to survey H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 1 and suggested to the owners at the time that they should, in some way, correct their notes so as to embrace the area lying West of their present West line fences and possibly to take up with the Land Office the advisability of including, what is now shown as the Ed C. Smith 174.13 acres, in a corrected patent. They, however, had title only in H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 1, and apparently did not feel they could properly claim the land. Smith, on the other hand, having his deeds out of the J. W. Moody, should be entitled to a patent.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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Yours very truly,

*J. S. Boyles*  
J. S. Boyles, C. E.  
Licensed Land Surveyor

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Licensed Land Surveyor

J. S. Bolles, C. E.

Yours very truly,

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The East line of H.T. & B. R.R. Section No. 5 has been

Surveyor's Statement

Filed Sept. 16, 1942

BASCOM GILES, Com'r

Attles

File Clerk

As you possibly are aware, time after time in the past I think there are one or two the J. W. Moody survey. In out the excess or discrepancy efforts have been made to straighten twenty-five or thirty years efforts have been made to straighten

Given.

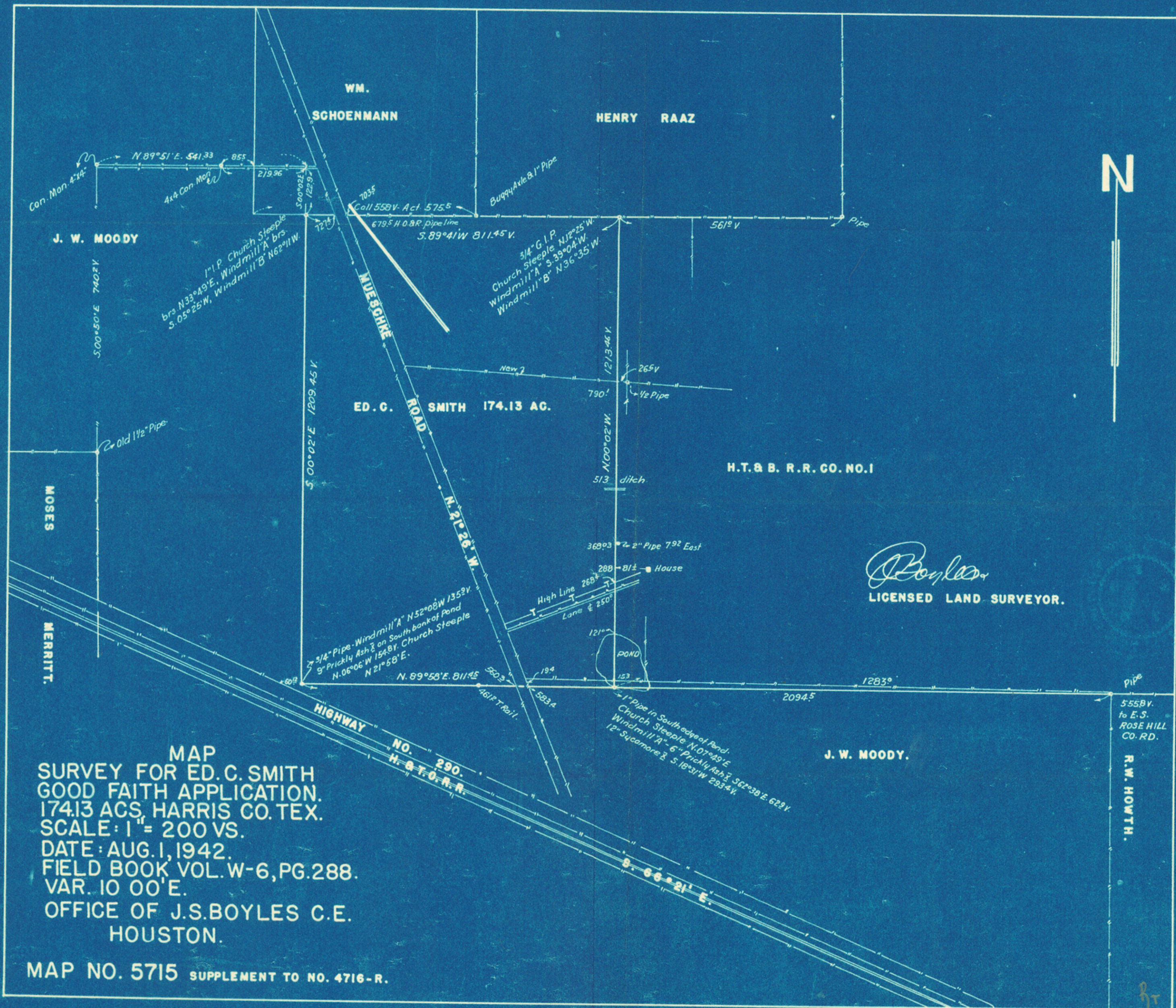
In connection with the survey made for Ed C. Smith

Dear Sir:

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

September 11th, 1945  
Houston, Texas





MAP  
SURVEY FOR ED. C. SMITH  
GOOD FAITH APPLICATION.  
174.13 ACS, HARRIS CO. TEX.  
SCALE: 1" = 200 VS.  
DATE: AUG. 1, 1942.  
FIELD BOOK VOL. W-6, PG. 288.  
VAR. 10 00' E.  
OFFICE OF J. S. BOYLES C.E.  
HOUSTON.

MAP NO. 5715 SUPPLEMENT TO NO. 4716-R.

*Boyles*  
LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR.



File No. SF. 14441 (5)

Harris County.  
see Rolled Sk. N 210  
Surveyor's Sketch.

Filed Sept. 4, 1942

BASCOM GILES, Com'r

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File Clerk

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GOOD FAITH APPLICATION  
SURVEY FOR E.D. COWLEY  
WAB

WAB NO 2112 SUBMITTMENT TO NO 4116-B

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LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR

J. W. MOODY

W. M. HOALH



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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

CORRECTED FIELD NOTES of a survey of 71.56 acres of land made for Ed C. Smith by virtue of his application, filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the 22nd day of July, 1942, under the laws regulating the sale and lease of unsurveyed school land. Said land is situated in Harris County, about 20 miles North 55° West from the County Seat, and is described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a 1" pipe in the South line of Wm. Schoenmann Survey and the Northwest corner of this tract and an East line of the J. W. Moody Survey, whence a church steeple brs. North 33° 49' East, windmill "A" brs. South 05° 25' West and windmill "B" brs. North 62° 11' West;

THENCE with an East line of the said J. W. Moody Survey South 00° 02' East 1209.45 vs. to a 3/4" pipe, a re-entrant corner of the said Moody Survey, whence windmill "A" brs. North 52° 08' West 135.9 vs., a 9" Prickly Ash brs. North 06° 06' West 154.8 vs., tree mkd. X, one hack above and below and stands on the South edge of a pond, church steeple brs. North 21° 58' East;

THENCE with a North line of the said J. W. Moody Survey North 89° 58' East, at 461.2 vs. pass a T-rail, at 560.3 vs. cross Southwest side of Mueschke Road and at 571.85 vs. in all to a stake in the center of said Mueschke Road for the Southeast corner of this tract herein described;

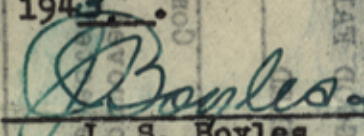
THENCE North 21° 30' West along center line of said Mueschke Road 1300.12 vs. to a stake, the Northeast corner of this tract in the South line of Wm. Schoenmann Survey;

THENCE South 89° 41' West 96.0 vs. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

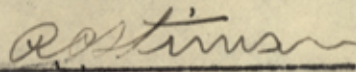
Surveyed August 1st, 1942. Variation 10° East. Map No. 5715.

W. R. Walker, Instrumentman - Tom Sanchez & Wayne Robinson, Chain-carriers.

I, J. S. Boyles, Licensed State Surveyor of Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing survey was made on the ground, and according to law, that the limits, boundaries, corners together with the marks, natural and artificial, are truly described in the foregoing field notes just as I found them on the ground, this the 25 day of March, 1943.

  
J. S. Boyles

I, A. C. Stimson, County Surveyor, Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing field notes were filed for record on the 29th day of March, 1943, at 11.50 o'clock A.M., and are recorded in Vol. M, pg. 226, of the Surveyor's Records.

  
A. C. Stimson

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are recorded in Vol. 11, pg. 382, of the Enclave, as on the Survey of State's Lot 3, at 11.2 o'clock P.M., and hereby certify that the foregoing field notes were filed for record I, A. C. Strimmon, County Enclavor, Harris County, Texas, do

GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
Austin, Texas

S. F. No. 14441

FIELD NOTES  
(GOOD FAITH APPLICATION)

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Approved 194  
Rejected

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the the 11.2 day of March, 1943, at 11.2 o'clock P.M., and hereby certify that the foregoing field notes were filed for record I, A. C. Strimmon, County Enclavor, Harris County, Texas, do

I, J. S. Boyles, Licensed

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Enclaved August 1st, 1941, at 10:00 A.M. to the place of BEGINNING.

THENCE SOUTH 88° 11' West 20.00 A.M. to the place of BEGINNING.

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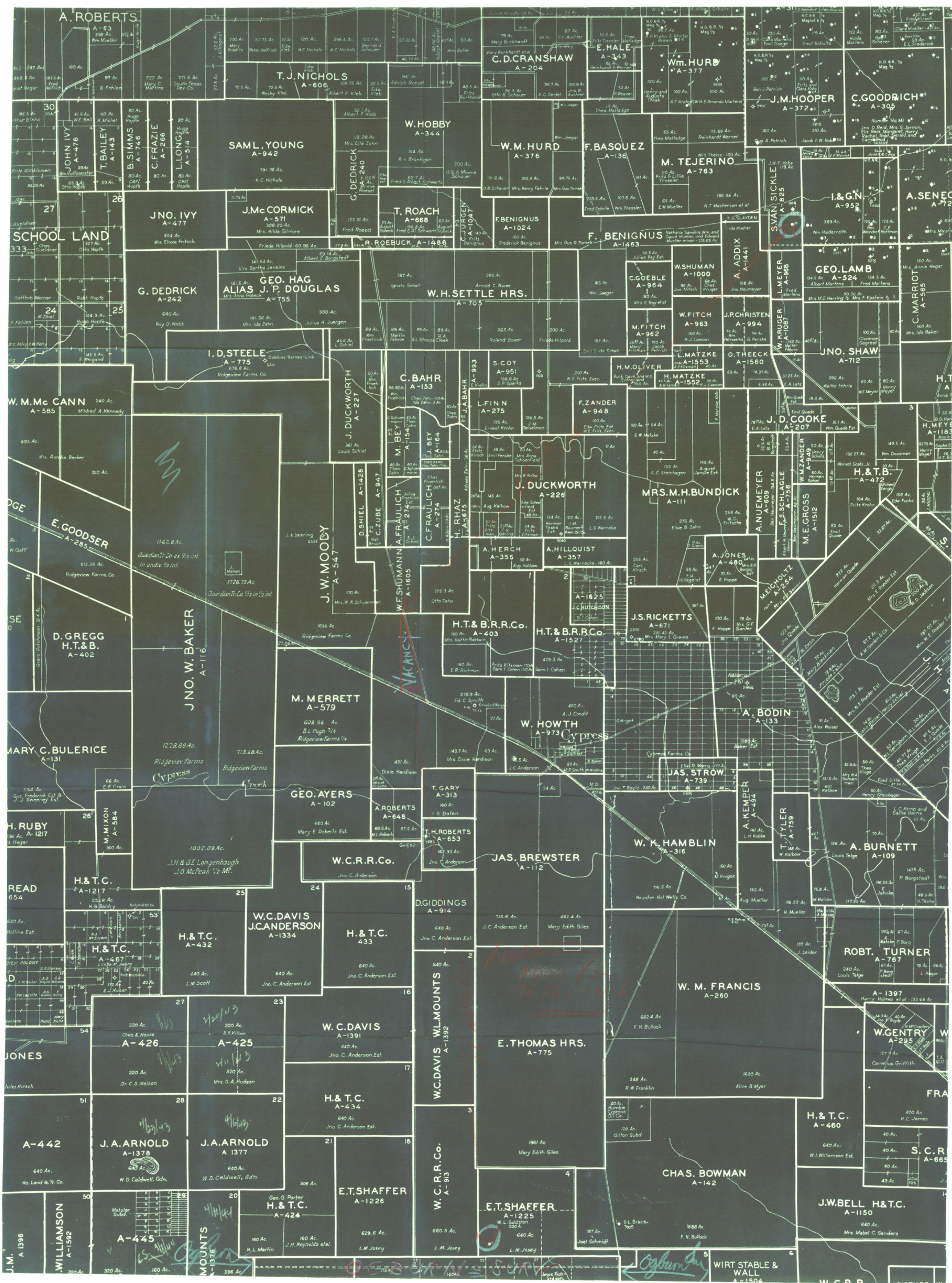
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Submitted by Ed. C. Smith of Hood 7+  
Rel Vacancy I. H. #14441 - E. Smith Harris Co  
Apr 7/43.

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Off record and proof  
re. oil well.  
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ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF SALE  
OF UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND

(Applicant or Good Faith Claimant)

*Houston*

Texas,

April

*8th*

1943

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

I hereby accept the terms of sale of the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described as stated in your letter dated April 7, 1943 and apply to complete my application to purchase under the terms of House Bill No. 9, passed at the Regular Session of the Forty-sixth Legislature and approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land without settlement.

The land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about 26 miles  
(give course) N. W. from the county seat, and is briefly described as follows:

Survey No.	S. F. No.	Acres	Classification
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14441

71.56

I agree to pay for said land the price of Six and no/100 (\$6.00) Dollars per acre,  
and I hereby enclose the sum of Four hundred, twenty-nine and  $\frac{36}{100}$  (\$429.36) Dollars  
as the Full cash payment therefor.  
(Insert whether "full" or "one-fortieth")

I further agree that the sale to me is made upon the express conditions, to-wit:

reservation of minerals to the State of a free royalty of one-sixteenth of the oil and gas and one-eighth of the sulphur and other minerals.

I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I am over twenty-one (21) years of age

*E. E. Smith*  
Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

Post Office

*Houston Tex*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

*8th* day of

19

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*Annie Mazie McFee*

County, Texas

*Notary Public in & for Harris*  
ANNIE MAZIE MCFEE

OBLIGATION

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School Lands.

For value received, I, the undersigned, do promise to pay to the State of Texas the sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars,  
with interest thereon as hereinafter specified, the same being for the remainder of purchase money for the following described tract of land purchased by me, of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of

laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed public free school lands; to-wit: All of Survey No. \_\_\_\_\_,

S. F. No. \_\_\_\_\_, Grantee \_\_\_\_\_, situated in \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Texas.

The annual interest of five per cent, upon all unpaid principal, together with one-fortieth of the original principal, I am to pay or cause to be paid to the General Land Office, at Austin, Travis County, Texas, on or before the first day of each November thereafter until the whole purchase money is paid. And it is expressly understood that I am to comply strictly with all the conditions, limitations and requirements, and am subject to and accept all the benefits and penalties contained and prescribed in the laws above referred to.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

Post Office



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Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

Witness my hand this

day of

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am subject to and accept all the benefits and liabilities contained and prescribed in the APR 9-1943 Act to expressly understood that I am to comply strictly with all the conditions, limitations and requirements and or before the first day of each November thereafter until the whole purchase money for the principal I am to pay or cause to be paid to the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, together with one-fourth of the original principal interest of five per cent. upon all unpaid principal, together with one-fourth of the original

**GENERAL LAND OFFICE**

County, Texas.

S. F. No.

Grantee

situated in

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Dollars

For value received, I, the undersigned, do promise to pay to the State of Texas the sum of

School Lands.

**OBLIGATION**

WHITE MARIE ROBE

County, Texas



I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I am over twenty-one (21) years of age

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Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

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**GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
Austin, Texas**

S. F. No. 14441

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF SALE  
OF UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND  
(Applicant or Good Faith Claimant)**

of

Ed C. Smith

Post Office Houston, Texas

**WITHOUT SETTLEMENT**

71 5-6

acres in

Harris

County, Texas.

Filed 4-9, 1943

Bascom Giles  
Commissioner By HCB

Awarded 4-9, 1943

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Bascom Giles  
Commissioner By HCB

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Survey No.

S. F. No.

(Give course)

The land is situated in

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approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land without settlement.

I hereby accept the terms of sale of the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described as stated

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

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# LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT

File No. S.F. 14441

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Date of Award 4-9, 1943

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Mr. Ed C. Smith

of Houston, Texas, has, in the manner and form prescribed by law, filed in this office an application and obligation to purchase the following land, to-wit:

SECTION	BLOCK	TOWNSHIP	CERTIFICATE	GRANTEE	ACRES	PRICE	COUNTY
<u>S. F. 14441</u>				<u>Ed C. Smith</u>	<u>71.56</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>	<u>Harris</u>

Date of Sale 4-9-43

Amount of Note \$

Rate of Interest Per Cent

Due November 1st Annually  
SCHOOL LAND

The School land Board having fixed the price, and the State having received \$ 429.36 as the full payment thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of land described above with a reservation of 1/16 on all oil and gas production and 1/8 on Sulphur and other minerals as a free royalty to the State.

*Bascom Giles*

Commissioner General Land Office



## SCHOOL LAND

Due November 1st Annually

Rate of Interest Per Cent

Amount of Note \$

Date of Sale 4-9-43

other minerals as a free royalty to the State.  
 and gas production and 1/10 on sulphur and  
 land described above with a reservation of 1/10 on all oil  
 thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of  
 having received \$450.30 as the full payment

The School Land Board having fixed the price, and the State

SECTION	BLOCK	TOWNSHIP	CERTIFICATE	GRANTEE	ACRES	PRICE	COUNTY
2. E. 14441				Ed C. Smith	21.20	\$6.00	Harris

is filed in this office an application and obligation to purchase the following land, to-wit:

Texas, has, in the manner and form prescribed by

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

USING TEXAS

ALBERTAS, Mr. Ed C. Smith

Date of Award 4-9-1943

LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT

File No. 244.14441

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S# 14441 (9)

Deeds Awarded

4-9-43

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Return 5 days to  
Ed. C. Smith  
Houston Tex  
715 Chronicle Bldg

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Ed L. Smith

715 Chronicle Bldg.

Houston Texas

Cash 1.00

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July 22, 1942

Mr. Ed C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

In Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

Dear Mr. Smith:

This acknowledges receipt of your good faith claimant's application to purchase the alleged vacancy in Harris County, Texas. This application has been designated on our records as shown above.

Enclosed are proper field notes forms, questionnaire to be executed by someone knowing the information therein requested, and a memorandum showing the steps required to be taken for a good faith claimant.

If you need any additional information, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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July 22, 1942

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Letter to  
Ed C. Smith

Ed C. Smith  
Monroe Building  
Dallas, Texas

In Re: G. F. Smith  
Harris County

Mr. Smith:

This acknowledges receipt of your good faith  
offer's application to purchase the alleged  
vacancy in Harris County, Texas. This application  
has been designated on our records as shown above.

Enclosed are two copies of this note. It is requested  
that you be expected of someone knowing the information  
therein requested, and a memorandum showing the  
steps required to be taken for a good faith claimant.

If you need any additional information, please  
let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours

HAROLD GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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PHONES  
OFFICE: PRESTON 1861  
RESIDENCE: HADLEY 8820

OFFICE OF J. Stuart Boyles, C.E.  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER . . . REGISTER NO. 2076  
LICENSED STATE LAND SURVEYOR

GENERAL ENGINEERING  
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NOBLE E. WICKLUND  
LICENSED STATE LAND SURVEYOR

601-4 STEWART BUILDING . . . HOUSTON, TEXAS

July 27th, 1942

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Re: Good Faith Application to Purchase  
made by Mr. E. C. Smith, Harris  
County, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The assessed valuation of land immediately in this  
neighborhood is as follows:

92 acs.	assessed at a value of	\$590.00	total
68 acs.	" "	\$410.00	"
200 acs.	" "	\$1620.00	"

I should say that the value of the land is about  
\$6.00 an acre according to the assessments and I believe this  
is the maximum the State should ask under the conditions.

Yours very truly,

*J. S. Boyles*  
J. S. Boyles,  
Licensed Land Surveyor

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PHONE 2  
OFFICE: PRESTON 1881  
RESIDENCE: HADLEY 5820

NOBLE E. WICKLUND  
LICENSED STATE LAND SURVEYOR

OFFICE OF  
J. Stuart Boyles, C.E.  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER... REGISTER NO. 2078  
LICENSED STATE LAND SURVEYOR

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501-A STEWART BUILDING... HOUSTON, TEXAS

July 27th, 1942

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made by Mr. E. C. Smith, Harris  
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J. S. Boyles,  
Licensed Land Surveyor

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*Surveyor's estimate  
of value of land*

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.  
LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Sept 7 1942

General Land Office  
Austin Tx.

Re: Sirs: - Please find enclosed -

A = Application to purchase signed -

B = Form containing ten questions - signed -

C = Estimate of Valuation by J. T. Boyles Licensed Surveyor

D = Plat of Survey on Ground by J. T. Boyles - " "

Made Aug 1-1942 Map # 5715 Supplement to # 4716 R - said lost  
Map mailed you July 21-1942

E = \$1.00 check - filing fee of field notes.

If anything more needed, please advise me.

Yours very truly,

E. C. Smith

Will state that I hold General Warranty deed from the  
American National Ins Co of Galveston for all the land  
touching the South, also all the West boundary lines of this  
vacancy - My deed recorded Apr 29-1927 in Harris Co -  
Vol # 701 - P # 649.

Receipt - for (Excuse pencil - I am sick)  
filing field notes 188

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.  
LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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In addition to the information furnished in application to purchase and field notes, the following is required:  
(This information should be forwarded with your application to purchase.)

1. Kind of soil and topography of surface and purpose for which it is adapted--agricultural or grazing.

*Sandy soil - fit for grazing only. Flat & about half is swampy & several large ponds*

2. Type and value of timber, if any.

*No timber found on land except a few willow trees around the ponds.*

3. Assessed value. (If not rendered for taxation, give last assessed value of adjoining lands.)

*Adjoining lands are assessed from five to seven dollars*

4. Surveyor's estimate of actual value without improvements, per acre.

*He reports six @ dollars per acre -*

5. Claimant's estimate of actual value without improvements, per acre.

*No part of vacancy faces upon a good road & it poor dirt road does cut in half. The swampy part pay four dollars per acre. The higher part pay eight dollars*

6. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas field, naming the field.

*Tom Ball Oil field fourteen miles N.E.*

7. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas well producing or capable of producing oil or gas in commercial quantities.

*There is a gas or distillate well in the Ogburn survey about five @ miles South*

8. Distance and direction from nearest drilling oil well.

*South West of Tom Ball about fourteen miles N.E. There are three dry holes within one mile of the North, also South lines of this land*

9. Distance and direction from nearest dry hole.

*About one half mile N.E. from dry hole at on the R.R. track. Pipe with down last year and lease surrendered to land owner*

10. Is the land under oil and gas lease? If so, state amount of cash paid, rate of royalty, drilling obligation and to whom leased.

*is leased. Your records should show. Do not suppose*

(If there is oil or gas production on this tract, kindly give the following information.)

- (a) Number of producing oil wells and depth from which they produce.

*No wells on this land*

- (b) Number of producing gas wells and depth from which they produce.

*No wells on this land*

- (c) Name of Field in which the tract is located and how long producing.

*Not an oil field. There is a dry hole one half mile N.E. also one dry one mile S.W. - also dry hole one half mile South pipe pulled & lease surrendered to land owner*

I certify that the above information is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand this 3 day of Sept, 1942.

*E. C. Smith*  
#715 Chronicle Bldg - Houston TX



WITNESS my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1942.

Test according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I certify that the above information is true and cor-

rectly from the best of my knowledge and belief.

(a) Name of field in which the tract is located and how long producing.

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Questionnaire

Ed. C. Smith  
(SFC)  
Harris County

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SECTION BLOCK CERTIFICATE GRANTING COUNTY WILLS NO.



September 4, 1942

Mr. Ed Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

Dear Mr. Smith:

On July 22, 1942, you filed a Good Faith Claimant's Application to Purchase an alleged vacancy on the following described land in Harris County, Texas:

About 150 acres of land bounded  
On the North by Wm. Schoenmann  
and Henry Raaz Surveys;  
On the East by H. T. & B. R. R.  
Co. Survey No. 1, and  
On the S. and West by the J. W.  
Moody Survey.

At that time you also enclosed a plat of the area which had been prepared by J. S. Boyles. Your application was designated on the records of this office as S. F. 14441, and you were notified that field notes, surveyor's report, and Good Faith Claimant's affidavit would have to be filed in the General Land Office within 120 days from July 22, 1942.

Today this office received another application to purchase the above described vacancy, surveyor's plat, questionnaire, surveyor's estimate of the value of the land, and your check for \$1.00 to cover the filing fee of field notes. This office has never received field notes of the area, surveyor's report of what he found on the ground in support of the vacancy, or a Good Faith Claimant's affidavit showing that you can qualify as a Good Faith Claimant as that term is defined by law. The \$1.00 has been placed in suspense and will be applied as a field note filing fee when the field notes of the area are received by this office.



Page # 2 - Mr. Ed Smith

September 4, 1942

This application will receive my further attention as soon as the field notes, surveyor's report, and Good Faith Claimant's affidavit are received in this office. Proper field note forms and memorandum showing the procedure to be followed by a Good Faith Claimant are enclosed.

If you desire any additional information, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Page 2 - Mr. Ed Smith

This application will receive my further attention as soon as the field notes, surveyor's report, and Good Faith Claimant's affidavit are received in this office. Proper field note forms and memoranda showing the procedure to be followed by a Good Faith Claimant are enclosed.

If you desire any additional information, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours

WAGDON BROWN, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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No. 284,592

American National Insurance Co.  
By Vice President

-To-

Charles Fox

General Warranty Deed.

The State of Texas.

County of Harris.

Know all men by these presents:

That the American National Insurance Company a Texas Corporation with its principal office at Galveston, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars cash to it in hand paid by Charles Fox, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, has granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, sell and convey unto the said Charles Fox, of the County of Harris, State of Texas, the following described lots, tracts or parcels of land, lying and being situate in the County of Harris and State of Texas, to-wit:

First Tract: Twenty one and 81/100 acres more or less out of the J. W. Moody Survey of land in Harris County, Texas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the J. W. Moody Survey; thence north 0 deg. 35 minutes west along the east line of the Ayres Survey 503-3/10 varas; thence south 44 degrees 45 minutes east 697-4/10 varas to the north line of the A. Roberts Survey; thence west 492-7/10 varas to the place of beginning.

Second Tract: Also 278-9/10 acres more or less out of the J. W. Moody Survey in Harris County, Texas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of the J. W. Moody Survey on the south line of the H, & T. B. Ry. Co. Survey; thence west 2095-1/10 varas with said H. T. & B. Ry. Co. survey to the south west corner of the same; thence north 1304 varas to the northwest corner of said H. T. & B. Ry. Co. survey; thence west 398 varas to the southwest corner of the W. A. Schuenman



survey; thence in a southerly direction to the northeast corner of the Moses Merritt Survey; thence south with said Moses Merritt east line to the south right of way line to the H. & T. C. R. R. Co. right of way; thence south 66 degrees east with the said south line of said right of way of H. & T. C. R. Co. 2538-9/10 varas to the northeast corner of the I. S. Dolan enclosure as the same existed Jan. 12, 1917; thence northeasterly across the H. & T. C. R. R. Co. right of way and the county road to the southwest corner of the 21 acres of land heretofore deeded to Sewall Myer, W. J. Howard, Cleveland Sewall and Leon Sonfield; thence north 327-6/10 varas; thence east 292-3/10 varas to the east line of the J. W. Moody Survey; thence north with the east line of said Moody Survey 493-9/10 varas to the place of beginning.

The above described field notes of the two tracts of land in the J. W. Moody Survey contain within their metes and bounds three hundred and 71/100 acres of land more or less but out of said field notes the following described lands are not to be conveyed by this deed.

All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land being known and described as lot No. 12 in Block No. 32, lot No. 2 in block No. 33, and lots Nos. 24 and 25, in block No. 32 of Twin Wells, Texas, according to the map and plat of Twin Wells, Texas, filed in the map and plat records of Harris County, Texas, and recorded in Vol. 4, page 1 thereof; and being the same land conveyed by Mrs. Allie Teall Hall to the American National Insurance Company by deed dated May 7th, 1924, and of record in vol. 573, page 97 et seq. of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas, to which and the record thereof reference is here had for further description, together with all improvements thereon.

To have and to hold the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights



and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Charles Fox, his heirs and assigns forever and the American National Insurance Company does hereby bind itself, its successors and assigns to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Charles Fox, his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Grantee assumes the payment of all taxes of every kind and character assessed against said land and premises for the year 1927.

In witness whereof the American National Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President, and its corporate seal hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary. this 8th day of April, A. D. 1927.

American National Insurance Company,

By Shearn Moody, Vice President,

Attest: W. J. Shaw, Secretary. (Seal)

The State of Texas.

County of Galveston.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Shearn Moody, and W. J. Shaw, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, as Vice President and Secretary, respectively, of American National Insurance Company and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacities therein stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Galveston, Texas, this 8th day of April, A. D. 1927.

Meta Schilke, Notary Public in and for

Galveston County, Texas. (Seal)



Filed for record Apr. 25, 1927, at 3.05 O'clock P.M.  
Recorded Apr. 29, 1927, at 8.40 O'clock A.M.

Albert Townsend, Clerk  
County Court, Harris County, Texas.

By F. C. Tamburello, Jr., Deputy.

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The State of Texas.

County of Harris.

I, W. D. Miller, Clerk County Court,

in and for said County and State, do hereby  
certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of  
General Warranty Deed, dated 8th day of April, 1927, from  
American National Insurance Company By Vice President to Charles Fox,  
as the same appears of record in my office in records of Deeds,  
Vol. 701, page 649.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court  
at office, at Houston, Texas, this 14th day of September, 1942.

W. D. Miller, Clerk  
County Court, Harris County, Texas.

By Olga Neubauer Deputy



S. F. 14441

Deed

Ed. C. Smith  
(G.F.C.)

Harris County

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.

LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS

715 CHRONICLE BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 17, 1942

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

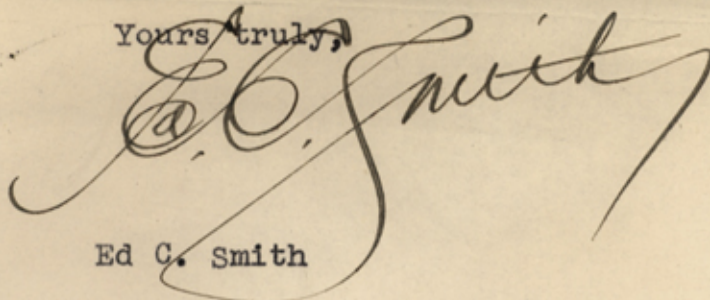
On September 14, 1942, I mailed you an application to purchase affidavit as to vacancy in J. W. Moody Survey, Harris County, Texas - in error I picked up the deed from the American General Insurance Company of Galveston to Charles Fox, and used those pages and dates instead of deed from Fox to me. Mr. Fox has been employed by me for more than twenty years past and still is and I frequently use his name in a land deal merely as a blind. While the deed was made out in his name it was my money as a matter of fact, that paid for the land, he has never had any interest or title to the land.

I am now enclosing a certified copy made by the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas of general warranty deed, from Chas. Fox to Ed C. Smith, dated April 15, 1927, and recorded in Harris County, Texas deed records, Vol. #707, Page #13, same being filed for record May 2nd, 1927.

I also enclose a corrected "application to purchase" with the corrected Volume and pages.

Had I known I was to have so much trouble, I would not have applied for this cheap piece of land. If I must still do more, let me know.

Yours truly,



Ed C. Smith

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.

LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS

715 CHRONICLE BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 17, 1942

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

This is to certify I am an applicant to purchase that vacant land in the J. W. Moody Survey, in Harris County, Texas, as shown by survey made by J. S. Boyles, licensed Surveyor, on August 1, 1942, his Map #5715 of 174<sup>13</sup> acres. That said land is being used for grazing purposes at this time and as long as I have known it. To the best of my knowledge it lies within the bounds of the J. W. Moody Survey, that the land is under fence.

I have been in actual possession by fences of all that part of vacancy lying West of the Mueschke Road since the date of my deed, recorded May 4th 1927, Vol. # 707 Page # 13 Harris County Deed Records from Chas. Fox, covering said fifteen year period. I have never had that portion of vacancy East of Mueschke Road under my fences.

The adjoining lands, as well as my own, are used for pasturage. It is weak sandy land and much of it swampy.

There is no producing oil or gas well within five miles of this land, however, there are several dry holes in less distance, one being on my land adjoining on the South about one-half mile distant.

THE STATE OF TEXAS    )  
COUNTY OF HARRIS    )

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ED C SMITH, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of September, A.D. 1942.

J. R. Boykin J. R. Boykin  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Harris, State of Texas.



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that he executed the same for the said defendant's consideration  
apparently to the following instrument and acknowledged to me  
as being ED C SMITH, known to me to be the person whose name is  
before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally

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HOLSTON, TEXAS  
312 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
GAINS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.



No. 285692

Chas. Fox

-To-

Ed. C. Smith,

General Warranty Deed.

The State of Texas.

County of Harris.

Know all men by these presents: That I, Charles Fox, of Harris County, Texas, for and in consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars cash and other good and valuable considerations to me, in hand paid by Ed C. Smith, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, have granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do hereby grant, sell and convey unto the said Ed. C. Smith, of the County of Harris, State of Texas, the following described lots, tracts or parcels of land, lying and being situate in the County of Harris, and State of Texas, to-wit:

First Tract: Twenty one and  $\frac{81}{100}$  acres, more or less, out of the J. W. Moody Survey of land in Harris County, Texas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the J. W. Moody Survey; Thence north  $0^{\circ}$  deg. 35 minutes west along the east line of the Ayres Survey 503- $\frac{3}{10}$  varas; Thence south 44 degrees 45 minutes east 697- $\frac{4}{10}$  varas to the north line of the A. Roberts Survey; Thence West 492- $\frac{7}{10}$  varas to the place of beginning.

Second Tract: Also 278- $\frac{9}{10}$  acres, more or less, out of the J. W. Moody Survey in Harris County, Texas, more particularly described as follows, towit: Beginning at the northeast corner of the J. W. Moody Survey on the south line of the H. & T. B. Ry. Co. Survey; Thence West 2095- $\frac{1}{10}$  varas with said H. & T. B. Ry. Co. Survey to the southwest corner of the same; Thence north 1304 varas to the northwest corner of said H. T. & B. Ry. Co. Survey; Thence West 388 varas to the southwest corner of the W. A. Schuenman Survey; Thence in a southerly direction to the northeast corner of the Moses Merritt Survey; Thence south with said



Moses Merritt east line to the south right of way line to the H. & T. C. R. R. Co. right of way; Thence south 66 degrees east with the said south line of said right of way of H. & T. C. R. Co. 2538-9/10 varas to the northeast corner of the I. S. Dolan enclosure as the same existed Jan. 12, 1917. Thence northeasterly across the H. & T. C. R. R. Co. right of way and the county road to the southwest corner of the 21 acres of land heretofore deeded to Sewall Myer, W. J. Howard, Cleveland Sewall and Leon Sonfield; thence north 327-6/10 varas, Thence east 292-3/10 varas to the east line of the J. W. Moody Survey; Thence north with the east line of the said Moody Survey 493-9/10 varas to the place of beginning.

The above described field notes of the two tracts of land in the J. W. Moody Survey contain within their metes and bounds three hundred and 71/100 acres of land, more or less, but out of said field notes the following described lands are not to be conveyed by this deed; All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land being known and described as Lot No. 12, in Block No. 32, Lot No. 2 in Block No. 33, and Lots Nos. 24 and 25, in Block No. 32, of Twin Wells, Texas, Each of said four (4) Lots being in size approximately 25x110 feet according to the map & Plat of Twin Wells, Texas, filed in the map and plat records of Harris County, Texas, and recorded in Vol. 4, page 1, thereof; and being the same land conveyed by Mrs. Allie Teall Hall to the American National Insurance Company by deed dated May 7th, 1924, and of record in Vol. 572, page 97 et seq. of the deed records of Harris County, Texas, to which and the record thereof reference is here had for further description, together with all improvements thereon.

To have and to hold the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Ed C. Smith, his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to warrant and forever defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said Ed C. Smith, his heirs and assigns,



against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Grantee assumes the payment of all taxes of every kind and character assessed against said land and premises for the year 1927.

Witness my hand at Houston, Texas, this the 15th day of April, A. D. 1927.

Chas. Fox,

The State of Texas.

County of Harris.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Charles Fox, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Houston, Texas, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1927.

J. E. Price, Notary Public, in and for

Harris County, Texas. (Seal)

Filed for record May 2, 1927, at 11.35 O'clock A.M.  
Recorded May 4, 1927, at 3.20 O'clock P.M.

Albert Townsend, Clerk  
County Court, Harris County, Texas.

By W. Anthaume, Deputy.

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The State of Texas.

County of Harris.

I, W. D. Miller, Clerk County Court, in  
and for said County and State, do hereby

certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of General Warranty Deed, dated 15th day of April, 1927,  
from Chas. Fox to Ed C. Smith, as the same appears of record in  
my office in records of Deeds, Vol. 707, Page 13.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court,  
at office, at Houston, Texas, this 16th day of September, 1942.

W. D. Miller, Clerk  
County Court, Harris County, Texas.

By Olga Neukam Deputy

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Deed & Affidavit

Ed. C. Smith

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Harris County

Filed 9-21-42

County of Harris.  
The State of Texas.

I, W. D. Miller, Clerk County Court, in  
and for said County and State, do hereby

certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of the original of record in  
the office of the County Clerk, Harris County, Texas,  
at the office of the County Clerk, Harris County, Texas,  
on the 21st day of September, 1942.  
Given under my hand and seal of said County,  
this 21st day of September, 1942.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy  
County Clerk, Harris County, Texas.



September 21, 1942

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14441  
Mr. Ed C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

Dear Mr. Smith:

This acknowledges receipt of the deed from Charles Fox to you and your affidavit concerning the above mentioned vacancy application.

You will be notified if anything further is necessary to complete this application.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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September 21, 1942

Mr. Ed C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

Dear Mr. Smith:

This acknowledged receipt of the deed from  
Charles Fox to you and your affidavit concerning the  
above mentioned vacancy application.

You will be notified if anything further is  
necessary to complete this application.

Sincerely yours

BACON GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.  
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715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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October 14, 1942

General Land Office

Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

Rel. S F 14441 Harris County

Application to purchase vacancy in said County. If  
there be anything more for me to do, please advise me.

I have sent you all the papers you called for.

Yours very truly,

Ed C. Smith

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October 16, 1942

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
Ed. C. Smith Realty Co.  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of  
October 14 in regard to S. F. 14441, Harris  
County.

This matter is having constant at-  
tention in this office, and just as soon as  
we reach a decision we will notify you im-  
mediately. The situation is a very compli-  
cated one and it has become necessary for us  
to prepare a working sketch in this office  
for our use in determining the matter.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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S F 14441

Mr. Ed. O. Smith  
Ed. O. Smith Realty Co.  
718 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of  
October 14 in regard to S. W. 14441, Harris  
County.

This matter is being constant at-  
tention in this office, and just as soon as  
we reach a decision we will notify you im-  
mediately. The situation is a very compli-  
cated one and it has become necessary for us  
to prepare a working sketch in this office  
for our use in determining the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Special Agent in Charge,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 16, 1942



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**ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.**

LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS

715 CHRONICLE BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS

December 17, 1942

General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Re: S F 14441 Harris County Vacancy

As to above vacancy, can you at this time,  
let me know your findings. I have several hundred  
dollars invested in my surveyors costs, etc. and am  
anxious to have final report from your office.

Thanking you in advance.

*Ed C. Smith*  
Yours very truly,

Ed C. Smith

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January 28, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

I notice from the application and proof which you sent in that you only claim the land in this tract which is situated West of the Mueschke Road. The field notes which Mr. Boyles sent in cover this part as well as the part East of the road. Before we could award you the tract which you claim, it will be necessary for you to have Mr. Boyles send in field notes which cover only this part, and which you actually have under fence.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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SP 14441

January 28, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
215 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: E. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

I notice from the application and proof which you sent in that you only claim the land in this tract which is situated west of the Mesquite Road. The field notes which Mr. Boyles sent in cover this part as well as the part East of the road. Before we could award you the tract which you claim, it will be necessary for you to have Mr. Boyles send in field notes which cover only this part, and which you actually have under fence.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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December 23, 1942

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 17, in regard to the above application made by you to purchase certain land as a good faith claimant.

We are still studying this situation, but should reach a decision within a short time. I assure you, Mr. Smith, that we will advise you just as soon as we possibly can.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season, I remain

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

LD:dls



December 23, 1942

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Harris County

This will acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of December 17, in regard  
to the above application made by you to  
purchase certain land as a good faith  
claimant.

We are still studying this sit-  
uation, but should reach a decision within  
a short time. I assure you, Mr. Smith,  
that we will advise you just as soon as we  
possibly can.

With best wishes for a happy  
holiday season, I remain

Sincerely yours

MARION GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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January the 29th, 1943

Mr. Ed C. Smith,  
715 Chronicle Building,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County.

In my letter to you of the 28th I failed to advise you to allow the field notes of your part of this land to go to the center of the Mueschke Road. In this way all of the area will be covered as far as you are concerned and the owner of the land on the east side can, if they desire, file on that part to the center of the road also.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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January the 29th, 1943

Mr. Ed C. Smith,  
Vivian Building,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: G. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County.

In my letter to you of the 28th I  
failed to advise you to allow the field  
notes of your part of this land to go  
to the center of the Mesquite Road. In  
this way all of the area will be covered  
as far as you are concerned and the owner  
of the land on the east side can, if they  
desire, file on that part to the center  
of the road also.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

HARCON GILLES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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S.F. 14441



March 9, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

In our letter to you of January 28, we asked you to have Mr. Boyles prepare field notes to cover the part actually occupied by you. So far we have not heard from you, and I was just wondering if you desire to proceed in this matter. It may be that you are just having difficulty in obtaining these field notes, but I wish you would advise us in regard to the matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 9, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: E. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

In our letter to you of January 28,  
we asked you to have Mr. Boyles prepare field  
notes to cover the part actually occupied by you.  
As far as we have not heard from you, and I was  
just wondering if you desire to proceed in this  
matter. It may be that you are just having diffi-  
culty in obtaining these field notes, but I wish  
you would advise us in regard to the matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HUGHES CLARK, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.  
LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 10, 1943

Mr. Bascom Giles  
Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas

RE: S.F. 14441  
Ed C. Smith, Harris Co.

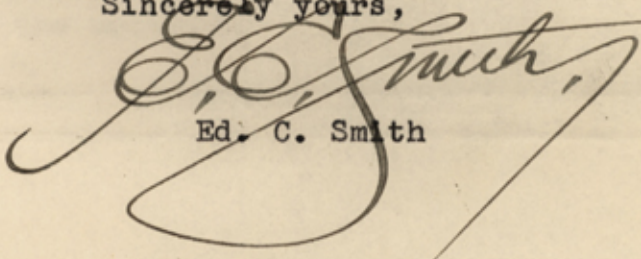
Dear Mr. Giles:

Yours March 9 received. I consulted Mr. J. S. Boyles today about furnishing you with additional field notes. He is now on some government work and says it will be about ten days before he can let me have the information. I shall let you have the figures as soon as he gets them to me.

I have been out of town for a part of the time, hence my delay.

Thanking you for your patience in this matter,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Ed. C. Smith

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*Mr. Darley*



March 11, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Bldg.  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

This is in reply to your letter of March 10, in regard to Mr. Boyles's furnishing you with additional field notes covering only the land which you actually have under your control.

We will be glad to wait on your convenience for any additional time necessary as I feel that we also consumed considerable time with the matter.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 11, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Bldg.  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

This is in reply to your letter of March 10, in regard to Mr. Rogers' letter asking you with additional field notes covering only the land which you actually have under your control.

We will be glad to wait on your convenience for any additional time necessary as I feel that we also consumed considerable time with the matter.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.  
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Mr. Bascom Giles  
Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas

Rel: S.F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

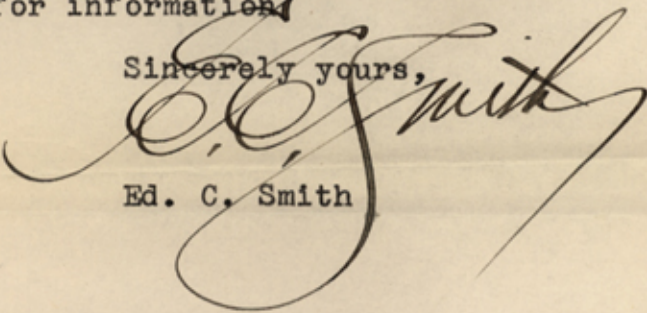
Dear Mr. Giles:

You have never advised me what price your office intended to place upon this land. What will the price be, cash or terms, and does the State make a difference?

Mr. Boyles has not yet given me the field notes you requested, expect them in a few days.

Thanking you for information

Sincerely yours,

  
Ed. C. Smith

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March 17, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will reply to your letter of March 16th in regard to SF-14441, Ed. C. Smith, Harris County, Texas.

The price of this land will be fixed by the School Land Board after the field notes have been approved. If the land contains less than eighty acres all of the purchase money must be paid in cash. If the tract contains more than eighty acres, you may pay one-fifth cash and the balance within forty years.

Trusting that this is the information you desire, I am,

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 17, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
Vice President Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will reply to your letter of March 18th  
in regard to 32-14441, Ed. C. Smith, Harris County,  
Texas.

The price of this land will be fixed by the  
School Land Board after the field notes have been ap-  
proved. If the land contains less than eighty acres  
all of the purchase money must be paid in cash. If  
the tract contains more than eighty acres, you may  
pay one-fifth cash and the balance within forty years.

Trusting that this is the information you de-  
sire, I am,

Sincerely yours,

BASSEL GILLES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Cypress, Texas  
March 18, 1943

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Mr. Bascom Giles, Commissioner  
General Land Office  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am the owner of a tract of land in the southwestern portion of Railroad Survey No. 1 which joins the J. W. Moody Survey on the south and west, all in Harris County, Texas north of the Southern Pacific Railway track and northwest of the Town of Cypress.

I have been advised that Mr. Stewart Boyles has prepared a set of field notes covering an alleged vacancy supposed to lie between Survey No. 1 and the Moody Survey. I have also been advised that Mr. Smith, who owns the land adjoining mine in the Moody Survey, has filed an application to purchase the land described in Boyles' field notes under the new vacancy law. I do not know whether there is any vacancy between the two Surveys or not as I am not familiar with such matters, but I have been told that the field notes prepared by Mr. Boyles cover a portion of the land under my fence.

I shall appreciate it if you will advise me immediately what action, if any, has been taken on this matter inasmuch as my land joins Mr. Smith's land and I would be vitally interested in any action taken by the State in patenting an alleged vacancy which either joins my tract of land or is a part of my tract.

If you have not acted in this matter and contemplate acting in the future, kindly advise me in order that I may be able to come to Austin and attend any hearing which you may have concerning the existence of this alleged vacancy.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,  
*Wilford Burruss*  
Wilford Burruss  
Cypress, Texas



March 19, 1943

Mr. Milford Burress  
Cypress, Texas

Dear Mr. Burress:

This is in reply to your letter of the 18th in regard to the vacancy application made by Mr. Ed. C. Smith adjoining the J. W. Moody Survey in Harris County.

The tract of land on which Mr. Smith filed is located entirely west of the Mueschke Road. The survey made by Mr. Boyles actually shows a part of this vacancy to extend east of this road but Mr. Smith does not have same under fence and his application to purchase will not cover this tract.

Trusting that the above is the information that you desire, I am,

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 10, 1923

Mr. Clifford Brown  
Oyster, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in reply to your letter of the 18th  
in regard to the vacancy application made by Mr. M.  
C. Smith adjoining the J. W. Moody Survey in Garza  
County.

The tract of land on which Mr. Smith filed  
is located entirely west of the Huesache Road. The  
survey made by Mr. Boyle actually shows a part of  
this vacancy to extend east of this road but Mr.  
Smith does not have same under fence and his applica-  
tion to purchase will not cover this tract.

Trusting that the above is the information  
that you desire, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HASCOB GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 20, 1943

Mr. Milford Burress  
Cypress, Texas

Dear Mr. Burress:

This is in further reply to your letter of March 18, 1943, in regard to an alleged vacancy filed by Mr. Ed. C. Smith in Harris County.

After writing to you yesterday, I felt that it was better to send you a photostatic copy of the sketch filed by Mr. Boyles in this matter, in order to allow you to better determine whether or not you are affected by this application.

I am enclosing this copy and the alleged vacancy is outlined in red. As mentioned in our letter of yesterday, Mr. Smith claims only that part west of the Mueschke Road.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 20, 1943

Mr. Wilford Burress  
Cypress, Texas

Dear Mr. Burress:

This is in further reply to your letter of March 18, 1943, in regard to an alleged vacancy filed by Mr. Ed. C. Smith in Harris County.

After writing to you yesterday, I felt that it was better to send you a photostatic copy of the sketch filed by Mr. Boyles in this matter, in order to allow you to better determine whether or not you are affected by this application.

I am enclosing this copy and the alleged vacancy is outlined in red. As mentioned in our letter of yesterday, Mr. Smith claims only that part west of the Mesquite Road.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM BILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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**ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.**  
LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 29, 1943

Mr. Bascom Giles  
Land Commissioner  
Austin, Texas

Rel: S. F. 14441  
Ed. C. Smith  
Harris County

Dear Mr. Giles:

Enclosed find field notes of J. S. Boyles,  
C. E. to 71.56 acres J. W. Moody Survey. Same  
certified by A. C. Stimson, County Surveyor  
recorded March 29, 1943 Volume-M Page 296,  
Surveyor's Records.

I think this completes my part.

Yours sincerely,

Ed. C. Smith

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March 31, 1943

Mr. Ed. C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Bldg.  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of the 29th in regard to SF-14441, Ed. C. Smith, Harris County.

The field notes have been approved and we were preparing to present this application to the School Land Board when we noticed the following situation. In the affidavits which you filed in this matter, you state that there is no oil or gas well within five miles, capable of producing oil or gas in commercial quantities. In your questionnaire you state that there is a gas or distillate well in the Ogburn Survey about five miles south. Under the law it is necessary for you to establish definitely whether or not this well is within five miles. If you assure us in regard to this situation by a supplemental affidavit, we will proceed with this matter immediately.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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March 31, 1943

Mr. E. O. Smith  
718 Commercial Bldg.  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of the  
28th in regard to 24-1-441, E. O. Smith, Harris  
County.

The field notes have been approved and  
we were preparing to present this application to  
the School Land Board when we noticed the following  
situation. In the affidavit which you filed in  
this matter, you state that there is no oil or gas  
well within five miles, capable of producing oil or  
gas in commercial quantities. In your questionnaire  
you state that there is a gas or distillate well  
in the Garma Survey about five miles south. Under  
the law it is necessary for you to establish defini-  
tely whether or not this well is within five miles.  
If you assume as in regard to this situation by  
a geological survey, we will proceed with this  
matter immediately.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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**ED. C. SMITH REALTY CO.**  
LANDS - LEASES - INVESTMENTS  
715 CHRONICLE BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

April 2, 1943

Mr. Bascom Giles, Land Commissioner

Austin, Texas

REL.SF#14441-Ed C. Smith  
Harris County, Texas

Dear Mr. Giles:

As requested by you, am enclosing herein affidavit of Chas. R. Fox as to the distance of oil wells in the vicinity of land I have filed on near Cypress, Texas.

He is well acquainted with this territory. I was mistaken when I said there was a gas or distillate well in the Ogburn Survey to the South, the well is about five hundred feet North of the Ogburn Survey - yet it still remains more than six miles distant from this vacancy. There is a dry hole on the land I own adjoining this vacancy which well I judge to be one-third mile distant and the records on the oil companies maps show hole to be more than 7000 feet deep. I also enclose map of the territory showing the nearest well to be to the Northeast more than five miles distant located in the S. Van Sickle Survey, Abstract #822. If this land does not have gold or diamonds on it I have not been paid for my time and trouble.

Sincerely yours,

*E. C. Smith*

Ed C. Smith

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Chas. R. Fox

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Phone Hadley 8913

3442 Overbrook Lane

HOUSTON, TEXAS

*To Mr. Daron Giles, Land Owner, Austin Tx  
 Re L. 7# 14441 Ed. C. Smith  
 Harris Co*

Chas. R. Fox  
 State of Texas  
 County of Harris

Before me TW HOUSE a Notary Public  
 in and for Harris County, Texas, on this day personally appeared  
 Chas. R. Fox, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed  
 hereto, and being by me first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

My name is Chas. R. Fox. I was born and raised in  
 Houston, Harris County, Texas. I have been in the oil business for  
 about twelve years and am well acquainted with the Gulf Coast. I am  
 also well acquainted with the Cypress, Texas, territory. I have done  
 a great deal of work in this area in recent years.

In regard to about a seventy-three acre tract in the  
 J. W. Moody Survey, Abs. 540, I wish to state that this land in  
 question is well over five miles from a producing well. Map attached  
 hereto which was prepared by a well-known map company from information  
 received from major companies as to correct location of wells. The  
 nearest well north of this tract is in the Tom Ball Field in the S.  
 Van Sickle Survey, Abs. 822, and the nearest south is in the E. T.  
 Shaffer Survey, Abs. 1225. These are the two nearest oil wells to  
 this land. There was also a dry hole drilled to 7012 feet which I  
 was interested in on the Ed C. Smith 278 acres about three-quarters  
 of a mile from this land, and this well was abandoned in 1941.

I swear that the facts herein stated are true.

Chas. R. Fox

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
 the 2nd day of April, A.D. 1943.

TW HOUSE  
 Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas

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Chas. R. Fox

OIL PROPERTIES

Phone HOBBY 8913 3442 Overbrook Lane

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Chas. R. Fox  
State of Texas  
County of Harris

Notary Public  
in and for Harris County, Texas, on this day personally appeared  
Chas. R. Fox, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed  
hereto, and being by me first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

My name is Chas. R. Fox. I was born and raised in  
Houston, Harris County, Texas. I have been in the oil business for  
about twelve years and am well acquainted with the Gulf Coast. I am  
also well acquainted with the Cypress, Texas, territory. I have done  
a great deal of work in this area in recent years.

In regard to about a seventy-three acre tract in the  
J. W. Moody Survey, Abs. 340, I wish to state that this land in  
question is well over five miles from a producing well. Map attached  
hereto which was prepared by a well-known map company from information  
received from major companies as to correct location of wells. The  
nearest well north of this tract is in the Tom Bell field in the S. E. 1/4  
Van Sickle Survey, Abs. 322, and the nearest south is in the S. E. 1/4  
Shafter Survey, Abs. 1222. There are the two nearest oil wells to  
this land. There was also a dry hole drilled to 7012 feet which  
was intersected in on the S. E. 1/4 Smith 278 acres about three-quarters  
of a mile from this land, and this well was abandoned in 1941.

I swear that the facts herein stated are true.

*Chas. R. Fox*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
day of April, A.D. 1943.

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*Matthew T. W. House*  
Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas

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April 7, 1943

Mr. Ed C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

The School Land Board of the State of Texas at a meeting held in my office on April 6, 1943 fixed the price at which you may pay for the unsurveyed School Land in S. F. 14441, 71.56 acres in Harris County, at \$6.00 per acre.

Since this area is more than five miles from production, the reservation of minerals therein to the State will be a free royalty of one-sixteenth of the oil and gas and one-eighth of the sulphur and other minerals.

Since this area contains less than 80 acres, it will have to be paid for in cash. You should therefore forward a check in the amount of \$429.36, which according to my calculation, is the amount necessary to pay for such unsurveyed school land. In addition to the above, the patent fee on this tract will amount to \$3.00. You may include these two sums in one check, which should be made payable to the State Treasurer. It will also be necessary for you to forward to this office a separate check in the sum of \$1.04 to defray the expense of recording the patent in the county where the land is located. This latter check must be made payable to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

As I interpret the law it contemplates that such unsurveyed areas must be purchased within 90 days from the date the Commissioner finally determines the existence of a vacancy, which in this case was April 6, 1943.

I am enclosing a form of acceptance, which I request that you fill out and return to this office with the remittances.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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a second, which in this case was April 9, 1943. These two considerations finally determined the existence of unanalyzed cases that he discovered within 40 days from the date that the case was investigated. I was not surprised that such

The above is a list of the names of the persons who have been  
 admitted to the office of the Secretary of the Board of  
 Health, and who have been sworn in as such. The names of the  
 persons who have been admitted to the office of the Secretary of  
 the Board of Health, and who have been sworn in as such, are  
 as follows:

Post W. 9772

MR. C. B. WILSON,  
215 CHURCH STREET,  
BOSTON, MASS.

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notice of  
valuation

S.F. 14441



April 10, 1943

County Clerk of Harris County  
Mr. W. D. Miller  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is to inform you that I have as of this date issued Land Award and Receipt to Mr. Ed C. Smith of Houston, Texas, covering S. F. 14441, 71.56 acres in Harris County; copy of which award is enclosed herein.

Kindly make notation of the issuance of this award on your records, and oblige.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ed C. Smith  
715 Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas



April 10, 1943

County Clerk of Harris County  
Mr. W. D. Miller  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is to inform you that I have as  
of this date issued Land Award and Receipt to  
Mr. Ed C. Smith of Houston, Texas, covering S. F.  
1441, 1442, 1443 acres in Harris County; copy of  
which is enclosed herewith.

Kindly make notation of the issuance  
of this award on your records, and office.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD GILES, COMMISSIONER  
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Enclosure  
cc: Mr. Ed C. Smith  
P.O. Chronicle Building  
Houston, Texas

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# General Land Office

BASCOM GILES, Commissioner  
ALVIS VANDYGRIFF, Chief Clerk

Austin, Texas, April 14, 1943

County Clerk Harris County  
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Receiver's check for \$ 1.00 is for recording the enclosed patent in

Harris County, issued to the Patentee shown therein.

The other check or checks, enclosed, if any, is the fee for the other county clerk, or clerks, as shown.

When recorded by you, kindly forward patent, and this letter, with balance of fees, if any, to other proper county clerk, and when record is fully completed deliver to the owner or his agents, in person or by registered mail, as required by Chapter 47, Acts April 2, 1918.

Ed C. Smith Realty Co., 715 Chronicle Bldg., Houston, Tex. paid the fees as agent or owner.

Sincerely,

Patent No. 263

Vol. No. 89A

File No. S F 14441

Commissioner.



File No. 3 E 14441

7-242-1041-2m

Vol. No. 824

Commissioner.

Patent No. 583

Sincerely,

Ed C. Smith Realty Co., 712 Chronicle Bldg., Houston, Tex. paid the fees as agent or owner.

by registered mail, as required by Chapter 47, Acts April 5, 1918.

When recorded by you, kindly forward patent, and this letter, with balance of fees, if any, to other.

The other check or checks, enclosed, if any, is the fee for the other county clerk, or clerks, as shown.

County, issued to the Patentee shown therein.

The enclosed Receiver's check for \$ 1.00 is for recording the enclosed patent in

Dear Sir: Houston, Texas

County Clerk Harris County

ALLAN A. ANDERSON, Clerk  
BUREAU OF THE COMMISSIONER  
Austin, Texas April 14, 1943



General Land Office